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Deputies Break Up Fight Outside Courtroom in Safety Building

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County sheriff's deputies broke up a fight today outside of a courtroom in the Safety Building after a sentencing hearing. The defendant, Dedrick A. Ashford, was out of custody, in court for sentencing on a plea agreement for Operating A Vehicle Without a License-Causing Death (Class H felony with up to six years in prison).

After the judge announced that the defendant will have to serve one year in prison, a member of the victim's family shouted that the sentence was "bullshit and the defendant is a murderer." Deputies escorted the victim's family out of the courtroom, intending to walk them to their cars. Family members of the victim spotted the defendant's brother in the hallway and ran after him, and a physical fight ensued. Deputies, and police officers from Milwaukee and Cudahy who were in the courthouse, broke up the fight.

Several deputies drew their Tasers, and the combatants stopped fighting. A deputy was struck in the back of the head several times, and another deputy injured her wrist.

Three people are currently in custody for their role in the fight. The investigation is ongoing, and no other information is available for release at this time. Charges are still being determined.

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